

REMARKS

Presently the application includes claims 1, 2, 4, 6-24, 26, and 28-34, with claims 1, 13, 20, 24, and 34 being independent claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication that claims 1, 2, 4, 6-12, 20-24, 26, and 28-34 are allowed.

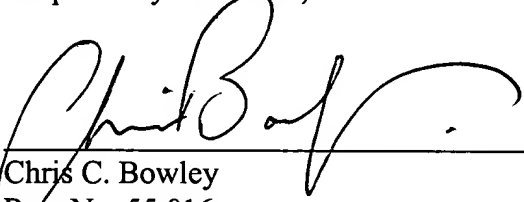
In this amendment, applicants have amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have also amended claim 13 as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of the objection to claims 13-19.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket no. 01997-296001.

Respectfully submitted,

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